



WPA

Waikato Principals' Association

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Thursday 7th March

Andrew Jones

Andrew Jones is an expert in learning design and teacher professional development. He is in the throes of finalising his PhD at the University of Melbourne in the area of School Learning Culture and Teacher Learning under the expert tutelage of Professor John Hattie. Andrew has been working in schools in a range of school settings both as a teacher, school leader and leadership coach for 25 years now. He led the closure and regeneration of four failing schools in the northern suburbs of Melbourne and he has a Master's in Educational Leadership. Andrew consults regularly with practitioners, researchers and policy makers across Australia and has works in New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Europe and in the United States. He is currently working with DET Professional Practice and Leadership Division on an international project into teacher-level leadership. His work with the coaching department of the Melbourne Football Club and St Kilda Football Club over the past 4 years, his role as Principal as Residence in the Australian Research Council's Science of Learning Research Centre (University of Melbourne) and as education advisor at Smiling Mind, have all helped to create a highly unique skillset relevant for many contexts.



Suggested time to leave Hamilton area 8.00am

Meeting at Wairakei Resort - Conference Centre by 10.30am - Tea and Coffee on Arrival

10.45am - Welcome and Opening Address

11.00am - Keynote 1 - Andrew Jones (Theme - *What's the Story? School Improvement Research*)

12.30pm - Lunch with the group

1.30pm - Keynote 2 - Andrew Jones (Theme - *Leading Evidence-based Teaching Practice*)

3.00pm - Afternoon Tea

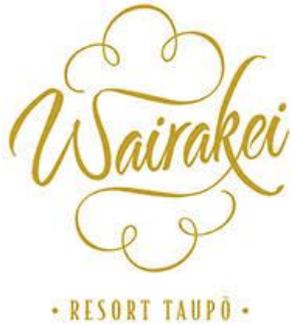
3.30pm - WPA AGM

4.00pm - [Hauora Activities](#)

7.00pm - Pre Dinner Drinks (Marcel Goulding - Theme - Schools, the battle field for those who are outside the box)

8.00pm - Dinner

Accommodation



Wairakei Resort - <https://www.wairakei.co.nz/>

Please indicate when [booking online \(WPA website\)](#), we have 50 rooms booked (first in, first served)

Single \$450 Twin Share \$350

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7.30am - Breakfast (@ Wairakei Resort)

8.25am - Morning Admin

8.30am - Marcel Goulding (Development of Leadership and Different Styles for the ASB/Banking Environment, what could schools learn?)

9.30am - Keynote 3 - Andrew Jones (Theme - *Teacher Learning: the science of professional learning / Enhancing Teacher Collaboration*)

9.30am - Workshop 1

(MoE Property - Sharon Walker)

(Learning Support - Paul Mitchell)

(Finances - Chad Britton)

(ERO - Phil Cowie TBC)

10.00am - Workshop 2 (Repeat of Workshops above)

10.30am - Morning Tea

11.00am - Workshop 3 (Repeat of Workshops above)

11.30am - Keynote 4 - Andrew Jones (Theme - *Mindful Leadership Practice: contemplative and reflective leadership dispositions*)

12.50pm - Closing Address - The Year Ahead!

1pm - Lunch (Please book, no extra cost!)

Principals to return Home/School if they wish

Hauora Activities - Wairakei 2019

Check Out All the Activities Available at this Resort - <https://www.wairakeitouristpark.co.nz/>



Wairakei Resort Taupo believes in providing visitors to Taupo with a one-of-a-kind geothermal experience.



Bike Taupo creates, maintains and administers over 80km of Mountain Bike Tracks in the Wairakei Tourist Park.



A unique and memorable walk for young and old through a geothermal wonderland.



Shooters Golf Range is about fun and entertainment but also offers fantastic facilities to improve and hone your golf skills.



A jet boat ride offering a unique combination of excitement and natural beauty before reaching the awe inspiring Huka Falls.



Stand above the turbulent white water - the best way to view and photograph Huka Falls - suitable for all ages!



A unique honey experience offering FREE honey, mead and liqueur tastings.



New Zealand's only Prawn Fishing Park, offering hours of entertainment for all ages.



An extensive range of New Zealand's best priced, quality Souvenirs and Mountain Bikes for hire, located at the beginning of Taupo's best Mountain Bike tracks.



The Wairakei golf course and sanctuary sprawls over 450 acres within the Wairakei Geothermal Park just 10 kilometers north of New Zealand's largest



Discover ancient thermal features amidst a haven for native birds. Enjoy decadent home style baking / Devonshire Teas in the quaint café and end the day with a peaceful secluded camping experience.



Taupo Visitor Information



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Golf

The world-acclaimed **Wairakei International Golf Course** (just a short stroll from the resort).
The **Wairakei Resort public 9 Hole Golf Course** also boasts a putting practice green, free for all guests to use.

Body Firm Spa

@ Wairakei Resort

<https://www.wairakei.co.nz/our-hotel/body-firm-spa/>
Book online to make the most of this opportunity (own cost)

Mountain Biking

Outdoor enthusiasts are well catered for in the Wairakei Tourist Park. Once you've played golf, enjoyed a treatment in the spa and experienced the thrill of a lifetime on a jet boat to the Huka Falls, it might be time to take to the hills on a mountain bike.

The hotel rents bikes to guests and has its own track in 169 acres of grounds. The perimeter track also offers access to the surrounding region. With more than 100 km of trails through spectacular scenery, it provides a challenge for all the family, from novice riders to those with years of experience on steeper slopes. You can even join Bike Taupo and Great Lake Taupo's cycle tracks between the Aratiatia Dam and Lake Taupo. After an invigorating session on 2 wheels, why not head back to the Fairways Café for a mug of something hot or a glass of something cold?

On site: Squash, Tennis or a Swim

On Site squash and tennis courts (racquets can be borrowed from Reception).
\$2.00 cost for squash court lights.
Outdoor cold pool or hot tub/spa pool.